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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ARONSON ET AL.

Examiner

DHIRU R PATEL

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0504.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign not mentioned in the description: figure 5, reference numerals 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2012 should be deleted from the drawing or shown in the specification. Correction is required.
2. Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction in reply to this office action. However, formal correction of the noted defect may be deferred until after the examiner has considered the proposed drawing correction. Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing correction will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities:
In claim 4 line 2, "SFF, SFP, and XFP" should be spelled out completely.
Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the reference characters must be properly applied, no single reference character being used for two different parts or for a given part and a modification of such part. Such as in the specification on page 30 paragraph 0090, "laser 1004" while on same page paragraph 0091, "photodiode 1004". Applicant is responsible for providing separate reference number for each part disclosed in the specification. See MPEP § 608.01 (g).

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Applicant is responsible for reviewing the entire specification for each reference number and revise as required.

On page 30 line 2, " laser 102" should be laser 1002.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 41 paragraph 00118, figure 5 does not shows the following elements:

2160, 2102, 2100, 2104, 2106 and 2110 as disclosed in the specification.

On page 43 paragraph 00125, figure 6 does not shows the following elements:

2200, 2202, 2204, 2110 and 2206 as disclosed in the specification.

6. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

Claims 1-2, 5, -6, 10, -11 are not adequately supported by the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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7. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 lines 8-9, "a distance greater than 10 kilometers" is unclear because what is a distance greater than 10 kilometers?. Is it 10.5 kilometers?.

In claim 2 line 2, "an elevated temperature greater than 25 degrees Celsius" is unclear because what an elevated temperature greater than 25 degrees Celsius?. Is it 25.5 degrees Celsius?.

In claim 10 lines 7-8, "optical data a distance greater than 40 kilometers" is unclear because what is a distance greater than 40 kilometers?. Is it 40.5 kilometers?.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

9. Claims 2-9, 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-12 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of a transmitter optical

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subassembly disposed in the transceiver module casing, wherein the transmitter optical subassembly includes a header assembly having enclosed therein (for claims 1-12).

The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Other prior art cited

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Togami et al, Bierer, and Scott disclose a casing similar to applicant's claimed invention.

Contact information

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhuru Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1983. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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